



U.S. REPRESENTATIVE
TOM COTTON

NOMINATION APPLICATION

FOR THE UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMIES

PLEASE READ BEFORE COMPLETING APPLICATION:

Accepting an appointment to a Service Academy involves a minimum nine-year obligation: four years of study at the Academy followed by no less than five years of service on Active Duty in the respective branch of the U.S. military. It is to your advantage to apply to more than one academy and to request a nomination through all sources available to you: Presidential, Vice Presidential, Senatorial and Congressional.

OFFICIAL DEADLINE POLICY

Application packets must be post-marked on or before SEPTEMBER 30. Please contact Lisa Harst if you should experience technical difficulties which might prevent you from meeting this deadline. *Applications that are postmarked after this September 30 deadline will automatically be disqualified.*

HAVE YOU CONTACTED YOUR LOCAL ACADEMY LIAISON?

The Congressional nomination materials are separate from the materials you must provide to the academies. The service academies delegate alumni within each congressional district to pre-screen candidates and assist with the academies' applications. To receive the academy's Candidate Kit or

Application, candidates *must* directly contact the academies to open an admissions file.

If you are still unsure what this means or would like help contacting your liaison(s), please contact Lisa Harst at (501) 520-5892 or by e-mail at Lisa.Harst@mail.house.gov.

SECTION I.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

AS OF JULY 1 OF THE YEAR OF ADMISSION, APPLICANTS MUST BE:

- ✓ 17 years of age, but not yet 23
- ✓ A citizen of the United States
- ✓ Unmarried, not pregnant, and have no legal obligation to support a child or dependent
- ✓ A legal resident of Arkansas

NOTE: If your father or mother served eight years in the military, or was killed in action, you may be eligible for a Presidential or Vice Presidential nomination. Please contact the Service Academies for more information.

SECTION II.

INTERVIEWS

Interviews will be scheduled for the week of October 27, 2014. Applicants who complete a nomination file on or before SEPTEMBER 30 will be reviewed by Representative Cotton's Academy Liaison, Lisa Harst.

Eligible candidates will be invited to meet with Representative Cotton's Academy Nomination Board for an interview. This professional, non-partisan board ensures a fair and impartial process for all applicants.

Applicants are expected to dress appropriately for the military academy interviews. Young men may wear dress slacks and shirt, and a tie. A coat is optional. Young women may wear a dress or a skirt or dress pants with a blouse.

Nominations will be announced in November.

SECTION III.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS INDEX

ITEMS INCLUDED IN THIS PACKET:

- ✓ APPLICATION FORM (PAGES 5-6)
- ✓ EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES WORKSHEET (PAGE 7)
- ✓ NOMINATION BOARD QUESTIONNAIRE (PAGES 8-9)
- ✓ FINAL CHECKLIST (PAGE 11)

ITEMS NOT INCLUDED IN THIS PACKET:

- ✓ 3 LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION: One letter should be written by your High School Principal or Guidance Counselor. The other letters may be written by teachers, coaches, scout masters, clergy or community leaders who can accurately comment on applicant's character, abilities and potential for success at an Academy.
- ✓ SAT/ACT SCORES: Scores may be submitted with the candidate's official high school transcript. You are encouraged to take the SAT or ACT exams "early and often" in order to improve your academic competitiveness. Academies will accept the highest scores in each academic area, regardless of testing date.
- ✓ OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT: Please include a copy of your senior class schedule. Senior grades may be submitted as soon as they are available. Counselors may fax or email them and only the senior grades may be forwarded after the September 30 deadline.

SECTION IV.

CONTACT



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OFFICIAL NOMINATION APPLICATION

FULL NAME: _____
(LAST) / (FIRST) / (MIDDLE)

DOB: _____ AGE: _____ GENDER: M / F

I wish to be nominated to the following academy(s) in this order of preference

*NOTE: Rank only the academies for which you have filed an application and intend to interview.

_____ U.S. Air Force Academy _____ U.S. Naval Academy
_____ U. S. Military Academy _____ U. S. Merchant Marine Academy

I am applying for a nomination from the following nomination resources (other than Congressman Tom Cotton):

_____ Senator John Boozman _____ Vice Presidential
_____ Senator Mark Pryor _____ Presidential
_____ None _____ Other*

*If you have selected "other", please specify: _____

CONTACT INFO

APPLICANT INFO

Student's Cell: (_____) _____ Applicant's Email: _____
Permanent Mailing Address Temporary Address (if student is away)

County: _____

PARENT INFO

Father's Name: _____ Mother's Name _____
Parent's Cell: (_____) _____ Parent's Cell: (_____) _____
Parent's Email _____ Parent's Email _____

Name of High School: _____

HS Address: _____

HS Phone: _____ Counselor's Name: _____

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EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

Date of Graduation: _____ Estimated Class Rank & Class Size: _____/_____
Grade Point Average: _____ Grade Scale Used: _____
SAT Scores: Total: _____ Verbal: _____ Math: _____ Date: _____
ACT Scores: Total: _____ English: _____ Math: _____ Date: _____
Reading: _____ Science Reasoning: _____

*Grade point Average, Scale, Class Rank & Size must be included on your high school transcript.
Home schooled students – simply mark rank in class as 1 of 1 if official ranking is unavailable.
ACT/SAT scores reported on your official certified transcript are acceptable.*

College (if applicable): _____

Grade Point Average: _____ Hours Completed: _____ Major: _____

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Starting with most recent; use additional sheets if necessary.

Place of employment: _____

Dates Employed: _____ Hours Worked per Week: _____

Motivation for Working: _____

Place of employment: _____

Dates Employed: _____ Hours Worked per Week: _____

Motivation for Working: _____

Place of employment: _____

Dates Employed: _____ Hours Worked per Week: _____

Motivation for Working: _____

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EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES: Mark "JV" Junior Varsity or "V" Varsity in the appropriate space.
Also specify with an "L" if you lettered in the sport.

HIGH SCHOOL **9** **10** **11** **12**

| | | | | |
|-------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Baseball/Softball | — | — | — | — |
| Basketball | — | — | — | — |
| Cheerleading | — | — | — | — |
| Cross Country | — | — | — | — |
| Drill Team | — | — | — | — |
| Football | — | — | — | — |
| Golf | — | — | — | — |
| Soccer | — | — | — | — |
| Swimming/Diving | — | — | — | — |
| Tennis | — | — | — | — |
| Track/Field | — | — | — | — |
| Volleyball | — | — | — | — |
| Wrestling | — | — | — | — |
| _____ | — | — | — | — |
| _____ | — | — | — | — |
| _____ | — | — | — | — |

NON-SCHOOL ATHLETICS

| | |
|-------------|-------|
| Baseball | _____ |
| Basketball | _____ |
| Football | _____ |
| Golf | _____ |
| Gymnastics | _____ |
| Running | _____ |
| Karate | _____ |
| Racquetball | _____ |
| Skiing | _____ |
| Soccer | _____ |
| Softball | _____ |
| Swimming | _____ |
| Tennis | _____ |
| Track/Field | _____ |
| Volleyball | _____ |
| Wrestling | _____ |

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

(Please mark an "X" to indicate activity involvement.)

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| Student Body Representative | _____ |
| Scouting | _____ |
| Church Activities | _____ |
| Band/Orchestra | _____ |
| Music/Singing | _____ |
| Drama | _____ |
| School Yearbook/Newspaper | _____ |
| Key Club | _____ |
| Language or Science Club | _____ |
| Jt. ROTC | _____ |
| Civil Air Patrol | _____ |

AWARDS AND HONORS

| | |
|------------------------|-------|
| National Honor Society | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |

LEADERSHIP ROLES

| | |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Boys/Girls State | _____ |
| Student Body President | _____ |
| Class President | _____ |
| Student Body Officer | _____ |
| Athletic Team Captain | _____ |
| Eagle Scout | _____ |
| Jr. ROTC | _____ |
| Other Military Officer | _____ |
| Other School Club Officer | _____ |
| Non-school Club Officer | _____ |
| Editor, Yearbook/Newspaper | _____ |

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

| | |
|-------|-------|
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |

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ACADEMY PANEL QUESTIONNAIRE

Answer the following questions in the space provided below. Please type or print legibly in **blue or black ink** and return your responses to Representative Cotton's office on or before September 30.

Why are you interested in attending a military service academy? What have you done to learn more about what a commitment to one of the academies entails?

What do you feel is your strongest personal attribute?

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QUESTIONNAIRE

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What characteristic do you perceive to be a personal weakness and what do you do to compensate and/or improve it?

What role does competition play in your life?

What qualities do you feel are important in a leader? Describe a leadership role you have held and how you've exhibited any of these leadership qualities.

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LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

List three individuals who will write a letter of recommendation supporting your nomination. One letter must be written by your High School Principal or Guidance Counselor.

| | <u>NAME</u> | <u>PHONE</u> | <u>TITLE /ORGANIZATION</u> |
|----|-------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| 1) | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2) | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3) | _____ | _____ | _____ |

TERMS OF AGREEMENT

I recognize that I have read the terms of the document that I am signing.

I understand the deadline for the receipt of the application packet, official high school transcript, college aptitude test scores and all recommendation letters is SEPTEMBER 30.

I understand that application packet must be submitted to the Hot Springs, Arkansas, Office of U.S. Representative Tom Cotton on or before SEPTEMBER 30. I also understand that if my packet is post-marked after SEPTEMBER 30, 2014, I will automatically be disqualified from Congressman Tom Cotton's Nomination Application cycle for the year 2014.

I am a legal resident of the State of Arkansas.

Applicant's Signature_____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature_____ Date: _____

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FINAL CHECKLIST

Please complete before submitting application.

- 1) ____ PHOTO ATTACHED TO APPLICATION*
**Photo Policy:* Unless specifically requested, photographs will not be returned to the candidate.
- 2) ____ COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM (PAGES 5-6)
- 3) ____ EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES WORKSHEET (PAGE 7)
- 4) ____ INTERVIEW BOARD QUESTIONNAIRE (PAGES 8-9)
- 5) ____ HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT
- 6) ____ SENIOR CLASS SCHEDULE
- 7) ____ ACT/SAT SCORES (MAY BE ON TRANSCRIPT)
- 8) ____ THREE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Please mail your completed application,
required attachments and recommendations to:



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